Train Accidents

452. SHRI PARMESHWAR KUMAR AGARWALLA: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the report published in Statesman dated 24th October, 1997 under the caption "Slips in the system";

(b) if so, the details thereof and to what extent facts mentioned therein have been responsible for recent rail accidents;

(c) what have been the findings of inquiry Committees/Departmental inquiries on recent train accidents;

(d) whether any responsibilities have been fixed on officials for lapses causing train accidents and action taken against them; and

(e) if so, what are these and if not, why?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The report, *inter-alia*, has referred to the 19th report of the Standing Committee on Railways on 'Safety Measures and Maintenance of Assets in Indian Railways'. Constant attention is being focused on maintenance of the assets with a view to prevention of accidents. Casualities in train accidents are essentially fortuitous and not susceptible to comparison and, therefore, not a reliable safety indicator. On the other hand, incidence of train accidents per million train kilometers is the true index of safety performance. As acknowledged in the Press report, this has shown progressive decline.

(c) to (e) The Enquiry Committees have found failure of Railway Staff as the cause in number of accidents. As per available information, 100 persons were awarded major penalties including dismissal/removal from service/ compulsory retirement and 188 persons were awarded minor penalties during the period 01.04.1997 to 30.09.1997.

Number of suburban passengers

453. SHRI NILOTPAL BASU: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of suburban passnegers travelled in Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai during the period in 1995-96 and 1996-97, metro-wise;

(b) the number of EMU trains on suburban section of Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai separately;

(c) the ratio of passengers and EMU Trains in each suburban section of the above metropolitlan cities; and

(d) the net earnings from each suburban section?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) Total number of suburban passengers travelled in Delhi, Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai in 1995-96 and 1996-97 are as under:

Number of passengers originating
(In millions)

	1995-96	1996-97
Delhi	2	2
Mumbai	1813	1892
Calcutta	470	476
Chennai	199	208

Delhi has not been formally declared as 'suburban'. The figures of subrban-like passengers traffic in and around Delhi have, however, been shown against Delhi.

(b) Average number of EMU trains run daily:

Delhi	22
Mumbai	2035
Calcutta	863
Chennia	553

(c) Average number of passengers per EMU train:

Delhi	278
Mumbai	2547

Calcutta	1510
Chennai	1032

(d) No separate accounts in respect of suburban services are maintained and, as such, no separate financial results for the same can be indicated. However, costing exercise is undertaken to workout the working expenses, earnings and surplus in respect of the suburban services. The figures showing the financial results worked out for the suburban Railways in Mumbai, Calcutta and Chennai for the year 1995-96 (latest available) are shown below:

Profit (+)/Loss(—)	(Rs. in Crores)
Mumbai	(+)82.23
Calcutta	(—)259.31
Chennai	(—)73.77

CBI inquiry in wagon deal

454. SHRI J. CHITHARANJAN:
SHRI GAYA SINGH:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Standing Committee on Railways has recommended thorough probe either by the railway vigilance or the CBI into the process of open tendering for procurement of wagons during 1994—97 in which a particular firm remained a beneficiary; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF RAILWAYS (SHRI RAM VILAS PASWAN): (a) and (b) The report of the Standing Committee on Railway is under examination.

उत्तर प्रदेश में रेलवे स्टेशनों का विद्युतीकरण

455. **श्रीमती मालती शर्मा:**
प्रो० राम बख्श सिंह वर्मा:

क्या रेल मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) उत्तर प्रदेश में उन रेलवे स्टेशनों का ब्यौरा क्या है जहां वर्ष 1995-96 से विद्युतीकरण का कार्य चल रहा है;

(ख) उक्त अवधि के दौरान इस कार्य पर खर्च की गयी धनराशि का ब्यौरा क्या है; और

(ग) यह कार्य कब तक पूरा हो जाएगा?

रेल मंत्री (श्री राम विलास पासवान): (क) से (ग) उत्तर प्रदेश में रेलवे स्टेशनों, जहां 1995-96 से विद्युतीकरण के कार्य चालू किए गए हैं, विद्युतीकरण कार्यों पर खर्च की गई राशि तथा पूरा होने के संभावित समय से संबंधित ब्यौरा निम्नानुसार है:—

क्रम सं०	रेलवे स्टेशनों के नाम जहां 1995-96 से विद्युतीकरण के कार्य चालू किए गए हैं	विद्युतीकरण कार्यों पर खर्च की गई राशि	पूरा होने का संभावित समय
1.	डिंगवाही	1,96,564	पूरा हो गया है।
2.	मलसा	1,74,209	पूरा हो गया है।
3.	लालपुर	1,78,752	पूरा हो गया है।
4.	सरहुल्ला हाल्ट	2,49,000	रेलवे के हिस्से का कार्य पूरा हो गया है।
5.	धरौली	1,56,350	पूरा हो गया है।
6.	ऊशियाखास	1,75,485	उत्तर प्रदेश राज्य बिजली बोर्ड (यूपीएसईबी) से सेवा कनेक्शन की प्रतीक्षा है।
7.	शकतशगढ़	1,25,000	पूरा हो गया है।